

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN JIM ELLIOTT**, on January 12, 2005 at 8 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Jim Elliott, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)  
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)  
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)  
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)  
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)  
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (R)  
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)  
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)  
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary  
Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 67, 1/6/2005; SB 11, 1/6/2005  
Executive Action: SB 15, SB 75

00:00:32

**SPECIAL HEARING ON SOCIAL ADVOCACY**

00:02:15

**Judy Smith, Fair Share**

**EXHIBIT**(tas08a01)

00:09:17

**Don Judge, Teamsters Local 190**

00:12:39

**Kate Cholewa, Montana Domestic Violence Network**

00:15:42

**June Hermanson, Montanans with Disabilities for  
Local Access**

**EXHIBIT**(tas08a02)

**EXHIBIT**(tas08a03)

00:21:53

**Kim Abbott, Working for Equality and Economic  
Liberation**

**EXHIBIT**(tas08a04)

00:30:22

**HEARING ON SB 67**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

**SEN. BRENT CROMLEY (D), SD 25**, opened the hearing on SB 67,  
Increase fees for marriage license and declaration of marriage  
w/o solemnization.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:33:41

**Nancy Sweeney, Lewis and Clark County Clerk and  
Recorder, Chairman, Clerks Legislative Committee**

**EXHIBIT**(tas08a05)

**EXHIBIT**(tas08a06)

00:42:16

**Mary Phippen, Montana Association of Clerks of  
District Court**

00:44:43

**Kate Cholewa, Montana Coalition Against Domestic  
and Sexual Violence**

00:44:51

**Harold Blatty, Montana Association of County  
Officials**

00:46:32

**Charles Brooks, Yellowstone Board of County  
Commissioners**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:47:52

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

[EXHIBIT](#)(tas08a07)

00:55:13

Closing by Sponsor:

00:55:43 Break

01:02:12 Resume

01:03:34

HEARING ON SB 11

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. RICK LAIBLE (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 11, Restrict rules imposing fees.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

01:06:37

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:17:47

Closing by Sponsor:

01:22:43

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 15

Motion: SEN. TOOLE moved that SB 15 DO PASS.

Motion/Vote: SEN. ESSMANN moved that SB 15 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

[EXHIBIT](#)(tas08a08)

Motion/Vote: SEN. GEBHARDT moved that SB 15 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried 6-5 by roll call vote with SEN. BLACK, SEN. ELLIOTT, SEN. HARRINGTON, SEN. STORY, and SEN. TOOLE voting no and SEN. ELLINGSON and SEN. SCHMIDT voting AYE by proxy.

01:41:08

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 75

Motion/Vote: SEN. HARRINGTON moved that SB 75 DO PASS. Motion carried 9-2 by voice vote with SEN. GEBHARDT and SEN. STORY voting no and SEN. ELLINGSON and SEN. SCHMIDT voting AYE by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 9:48 A.M.

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SEN. JIM ELLIOTT, Chairman

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KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([tas08aad0.PDF](#))**